



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

TO: State Clearinghouse
Responsible and Trustee Agencies
Property Owners and Interested Parties

FROM: Sonoma County Water Agency
404 Aviation Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

SEA RANCH SANITATION ZONE WASTEWATER TREATMENT, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL MODIFICATIONS PROJECT

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to assess potential environmental effects of the Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone Wastewater Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Modifications Project (Proposed Project). The Agency has established a 45-day review period which begins **September 18, 2007** and extends to **November 2, 2007**. Written comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted to:

Sonoma County Water Agency
Attn: Marc Bautista, Environmental Specialist
PO Box 11628
Santa Rosa, CA 95406-1628

You may also submit comments electronically at the Agency's website: www.sonomacountywater.org

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Agency is considering three build Alternatives for the Proposed Project. Alternative 1, the Agency's preferred Alternative, proposes to convey secondary treated water via a new pipeline from the Central Treatment Plant to the North Treatment Plant. Alternative 2 proposes to convey raw wastewater from the Central Treatment Plant to the North Treatment Plant. Alternatives 1 and 2 include an optional pipeline from the southern Sea Ranch area to the Central Treatment Plant and optional reservoirs and piping for storage and conveyance of tertiary treated water from the Gualala Community Services District (GCSD) Treatment Plant. New pump facilities would be added at the existing treatment facilities. Alternative 3 proposes to expand the Central Treatment Plant. The expansion would include the construction of an additional storage pond and expansion of the irrigation disposal area at the Central Treatment Plant from 4 acres to approximately 12 acres. No new pipelines would be required for Alternative 3.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS: Analysis of environmental impacts associated with the proposed project identified potentially significant impacts, primarily temporary impacts resulting from construction activities, in the following areas: land use; aesthetics; air quality; biological resources; cultural resources; geology and soils; noise; and recreation. Growth inducement potential, secondary effects of growth and cumulative impacts are also addressed in the Draft EIR. For most environmental impacts determined to be significant or potentially significant, mitigation measures have been identified to reduce those impacts.

No feasible mitigation was identified for one impact, loss of redwood forest associated with construction of reservoirs, and this impact is identified as significant and unavoidable for two Alternatives. Per CEQA Section 15087(c)(6), the Proposed Project is not located on any site identified under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR is available for public review at the following locations during normal business hours:

Sonoma County Water Agency	The Sea Ranch Association	Sonoma County Central Library
404 Aviation Boulevard	975 Annapolis Road	211 E Street
Santa Rosa, CA	The Sea Ranch, CA	Santa Rosa, CA

Persons interested in reviewing the Draft EIR, receiving a copy of the document, or in reviewing documents referenced in the EIR, are invited to contact: **Marc Bautista, Sonoma County Water Agency, 707-547-1998.**

PUBLIC MEETINGS: An informational meeting on the Proposed Project will be held on:

Saturday, October 13, 2007

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The Del Mar Center

40600 Leeward Road

The Sea Ranch, CA

A public meeting for the purposes of receiving comments on the Proposed Project will be held on:

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Del Mar Center

40600 Leeward Road

The Sea Ranch, CA

DEADLINE: Comments must be received by the end of the 45-day public review period, which is from **September 18, 2007** through **November 2, 2007** at 5:00 p.m. Submit comments in writing to: **Marc Bautista, Sonoma County Water Agency, P.O. Box 11628, Santa Rosa, CA 95406-1628.** You may also submit your comments electronically at the Agency's website: **www.sonomacountywater.org**